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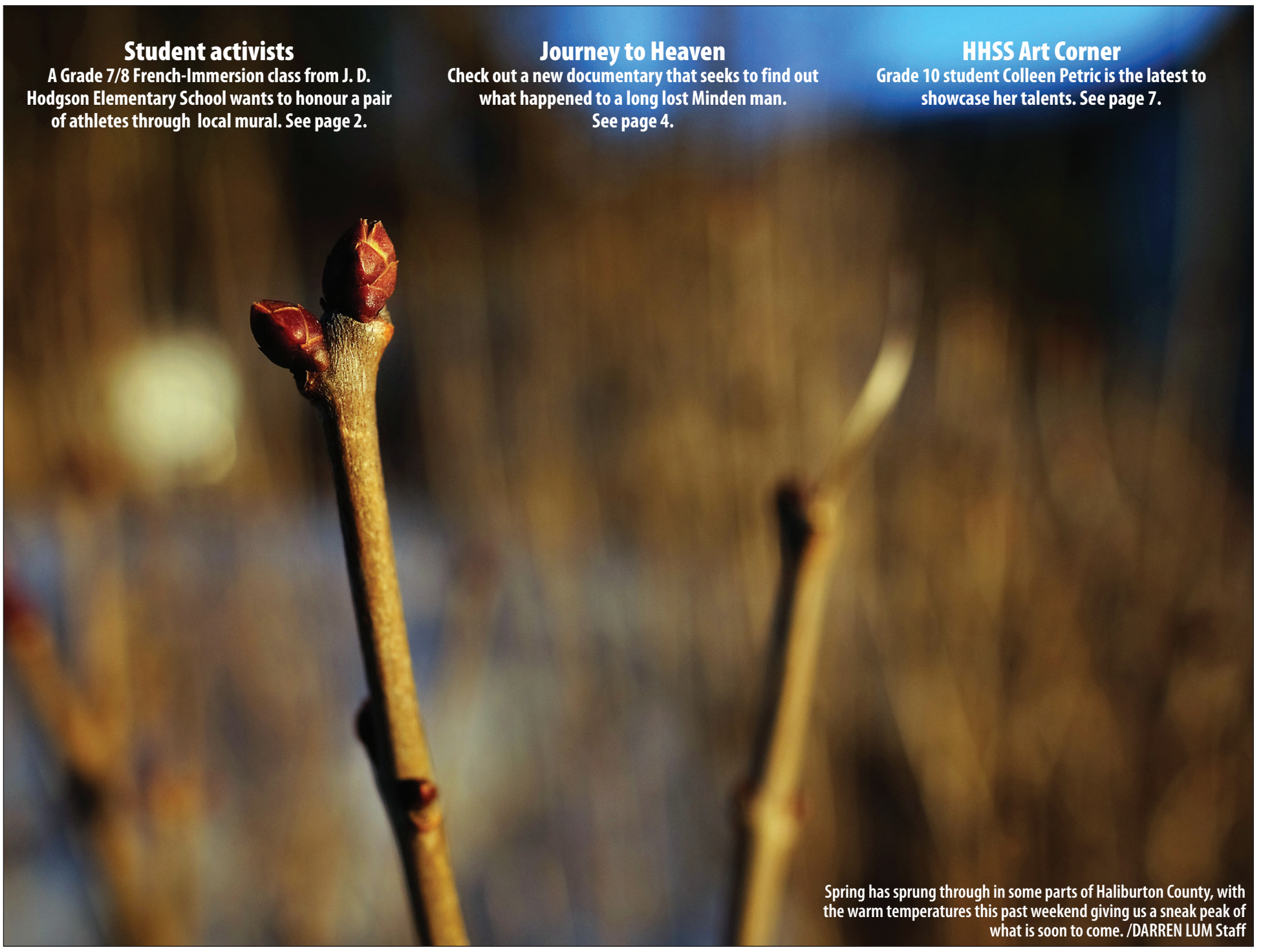

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JDHES students lobbying for new athlete murals

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A J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School Grade 7/8 class is hoping to have Olympian Lesley Tashlin and brother Taly Williams, who played for the Toronto Argonauts and the Hamilton Ti-Cats added to the wall of fame on the side of the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. The last mural added to the wall was in 2012 of Mike Bradley, who played in the CFL. /DARREN LUM Staff

It's all about standing up for what is right said J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School teacher Marina Thomazo.

That's the driving sentiment behind her Grade 7/8 French Immersion class, who are lobbying the Dysart et al Township to right what they perceive as a wrong and have two new murals featuring Haliburton Highlands Secondary School alumni Olympian Lesley Tashlin and former CFLer Taly Williams, both Black athletes, added to the wall of fame on the side of the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton.

This effort included sending a letter to Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts, which was discussed by council at a recent meeting on March 23.

The beginning of the letter reads:

"We are the students from the 7/8 French Immersion class at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School. Since the beginning of September, our school has been committed to foster a culture based on social- justice principles of justice, equity, diversity and inclusion. We regularly celebrate during our morning announcements and in our classes the achievements of people who demonstrate those principles and local excellence."

This focus helped them learn about the Olympic sprinter Lesley Tashlin and her brother, former CFLer Taly Williams. "She graduated from J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School and then Haliburton Highlands Secondary School where she earned Athlete of the Year honours in 1987. After several years, she became a national champion in the 100 metre hurdles and then competed for Canada at the 1996 Atlanta Summer Games where she competed in the 4 x 100 metre relay and the 100 metre hurdles. Her brother Williams, who was introduced to football when he played for the HHSS football team, played for the University of Waterloo and then professionally for the Toronto Argonauts and the Hamilton Tiger-Cats in the Canadian Football League.

Thomazo said her students, some who had been raised in the area, just didn't understand why they had never heard of the two athletes and believed it was wrong they hadn't been recognized.

"It becomes quite a habit to stand for the little guys that they believe have been treated unfairly or they haven't been recognized for what they did. That's what my students were saying. Especially when we presented those two people and they said, 'how come we don't know about them?' she said.

Thomazo said the main difference between this year's students and other years is how they are independent thinkers, who question what has happened because of what they have been exposed to in the news and how they look up to people of different ethnicities.

"It's the world we live [in]. It's everything that's happening. They grew up thinking differently. They see more through social media because they are constantly on it. They see change is happening around the world and want to see change happening in their own community as well I believe," she said.

Mayor Roberts welcomed the letter from the students, which included the mural request and asked for clarification about the athlete selection process.

In an email, Roberts said, it's important the students are looking at social justice, inclusion, diversity and equity. She adds, "I am encouraged to think that children of that age are having these conversations."

Roberts doesn't remember there being any selection criteria for athletes to have a mural when she was on council when the last murals were added in 2012, but will be checking with former Mayor Murray Fearrey.

From a *Haliburton Echo* article in 2012, the murals were funded anonymously and included the addition of NHL player Cody Hodgson and then later in the year CFLer Mike Bradley was added. Fearrey said at the time "this is a wall of fame for people who have made it in professional sports."

Retired HHSS teacher and Tashlin's former track coach for four years Paul Morissette remembers Tashlin as an unbelievable person, as well as hard working, coachable and humble. He can't think of a more deserving candidate to be added to the wall of murals on the A.J. LaRue Arena.

"Without a doubt, she is the most accomplished female athlete this county has ever produced. Without a doubt," he said.

Morissette said every year Tashlin competed in as many track events as allowed, competing in three track events in addition to the relay disciplines: 4 x 100 metres and 4 x 400 metres. Her toughness was on full display in her first year. He still remembers how the 14-year-old Tashlin forced a photo finish with a never-say-die dive to win a hurdling race at the Eastern Ontario track finals in Ottawa.

"She goes over the last hurdle and she slowly loses her balance, but she fought right through to the end [before falling] - there's about a 10 or 12 metre run from the last hurdle to the finish line. She dove across and it looked like she fell, but the reality was ... we had to go back and look at the tape – the photo finish tape because

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Former CFLer would 'love' to be featured on mural

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they were going to disqualify her. Lo and behold, she finished the race. Her head went across, in the up right position. That kind of epitomized that will to finish," he said.

Morissette recently spoke to Tashlin, who is a registered massage therapist with her own practice in Ottawa. She spent nine years training and competing as an elite track athlete around the world, representing Canada. She was a national champion in the 100-metre hurdles, and represented Canada at the Commonwealth Games in 1994 and 1998, the Pan American Games in 1995 and 1999, and the Jeux de la Francophonie in 2001.

During their conversation, he said, she told him about how getting to compete in a full range of sports from autumn to spring at HHSS helped foster her love of sport and benefited her in athletics.

"Her love for sport came [from] here. Passion, love for sport where she wasn't burnt out and the university level and beyond is where she [excelled]," he said.

She recounted the toll that was paid by many female athletes at the university level, who were either injured or burned out physically from over training and competing in one sport for many years. Morissette said Tashlin could have focused on only track, training with clubs outside of the county, but chose to play all the sports such as field hockey, volleyball, and badminton, he said.

Although her Olympics ended before the finals during the heats in the hurdles, he remembers how she didn't let that take away from her experience.

"She clipped a hurdle early on. She didn't sulk about it. She didn't quit. She ran the 4 x 100 [metre relay race]. She still had the time of her life," he said. "She knew in that particular [hurdle] race that she needed to be exceptionally fast. She was running against the very, very best."

He believed she had the potential to move on from that heat had she stayed on her feet.

In an email message from Tashlin's brother, he said it was his excellence in academics that set him apart from others. The pursuit of academics and a path to post-secondary education was part of the reason why he moved from Toronto and attended HHSS for his final two years. He said receiving the award for having the second highest average of all graduating students as "one of my proudest moments up there" in 1989. He remembers the "weekly battles" to keep marks high against peers such as Jamie Bruce, Paul Robinson and Chris Youngdale. With the French award for the highest grade, he acknowledged his teachers such as French teacher Mrs. McLean, math teacher Mrs. Cooper, physics teacher Mr. Cooper and Mr. Morissette for being "excellent teachers."

These accolades, he said, are representative of what he was able to gain from Haliburton.

"Obviously, I was quite good in athletics but it was the academics that really set me apart from others at the University of Waterloo and later with the Argonauts and Ti-Cats," he wrote.

There were also challenges, apart from a busy schedule with academics and athletics.

"Being a minority in Haliburton was definitely a challenge and also noticeable ... I do thank people like the Little family, the Rydmans, Madills, and I am certain there are others that helped make my time there enjoyable. Obviously, being Lindsey and Lesley's brother made the transition much, much easier. We already had a great name up there before I arrived so I was fortunate to be able to benefit from that," he wrote.

From Williams' LinkedIn, he is currently the co-founder and managing partner at AQORA Capital, an investment firm focused on water infrastructure, technology and services. He is an inventor of the TALY MIND Set for golf, and is also an expert in North America for treatment of extremely impaired drinking water, as stated in his LinkedIn page.

Williams said he was "touched" by the students' efforts and thanks them for what they're trying to do.

"I would love to be on a mural to be a symbol to my kids and others regarding what you can achieve and who can achieve it," he wrote.

Related to athletics, he said, his sister is one of his heroes.

"She is just amazing. If only one of us could get on the mural, I would want it to be her," he wrote. "Her and [my other sister] Lindsey's success in Haliburton and then Lesley's Olympic success later on really drove me. She made me stronger physically (literally). Always racing or testing me in the gym and being able to lift as much and more than me really drove me."

Tashlin may not have earned the pay cheques earned by male athletes, who played in the NHL, but she was a professional in attitude and by the country..

Morissette points out she was a paid athlete because of her status with the federal government, who provided funding to high national level athletes. For most female athletes, he said, sport really is only about the love of the game because there are only a few exceptions such as tennis and golf where women can aspire to the wealth that males can attain as a high calibre athlete. He said track is demanding and pushed Tashlin to train and compete for much of her nine years competing, really, only taking a break to raise a family.

Thomazo said she's aware of the hurdles related to how governance can play in getting things done so she has prepared her students for possible delays and challenges. However, she's hopeful. When the last murals were added it was a different time with different attitudes. So far there has already been a positive: the awareness raised and the discussion that has come from the effort is a benefit for all the students.

"It can spark some discussion and people can think twice, 'Yeah, why did we miss out on that?' And, yes, we may encounter barriers, but it's all positive," she said, referring to the discussion raised.

"We were all excited about it. It was presented during a morning announcement and it sparked conversation in classes and this is what we wanted. We want people to re-think, not only think, but re-think," she said.

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Amateur sleuths Mike Mildon, left, and best friend Jackson Rowe, who are seen in this photo digging for Harold Heaven's body with relatives last August, are featured in the true crime documentary series For Heaven's Sake which launched on CBC Gem on March 4. Follow their efforts to uncover the truth behind the disappearance of Harold Heaven, who disappeared from his cabin in the woods of Minden in the winter of 1934. /File photo

Take an investigative journey to find Heaven

DARREN LUM
County Life Staff

The true-crime documentary series *For Heaven's Sake* focusing on uncovering an 87-year-old mystery related to the disappearance of Harold Heaven is now available for viewing.

Hosted by amateur sleuths and comedians, Heaven's great-great nephew Mike Mildon and his best friend Jackson Rowe, the documentary takes viewers on a journey to find the truth about how Heaven disappeared from his remote cabin located in the woods of what is now Minden Hills during the winter of 1934.

Viewers can watch the eight-episode documentary directed by Tim Johnson blending humour and intrigue online with the no fee streaming channel CBC Gem or on Paramount+ [formerly Viacom CBS]. The series launched on March 4.

Mildon and Rowe were happy with the finished work and they encourage the public to watch all eight episodes and join them, as they scour for clues, interview colourful characters and follow up leads to unearthing information in the Highlands about what happened to Heaven on that fateful night.

"It really is a journey and we kind of end on a note that I think we're happy with," he said.

Rowe and Mildon are thankful to the community of Minden, which figures prominently in footage, for the support and help.

"We went to the Dominion Hotel almost every night. We stayed at the Red Umbrella Inn. Minden, Haliburton County was our home for, you know, three, four months, almost five months, all told. It was nothing but generous, kind, friendly people. As someone born and raised in Toronto I appreciated the heck out of that. I love Minden. I love Haliburton and absolutely I'll be back," Rowe said.

Sleuthing for the first time provided the long-time friends, who were also executive producers on the project, a new perspective they weren't expecting.

"At the start we lacked some perspective. We were head down let's just solve this thing no matter what it takes and then halfway through we looked up and we realized that we were affecting other people with the information we were trying to bring forward, some of the theories, some of the hearsay that we're maybe assigning too much gravity to," Rowe said. "It was a feeling out process. It was a process of us learning what it means to be a detective and actually solve a case. It's not just what you see in the true crime documentary. As we go through the season that's something we explore. It's something that comes to roost, you know, our chickens come home to roost. In that sense that real people are affected by the stuff that we say."

Mildon continues, "We don't want to spoil anything, but theories were not evidence and opinions are not facts so we kind of show our journey as amateur investigators figuring out the dos and don'ts of due process."

They also believe their lack of expertise in detective work will relate to the audience.

"Jackson and I almost serve as that audience perspective of getting the information for the first time and just trying to release that amateur sleuth in everybody," Mildon said.

With an affection for the area through spending summers here, Mildon appreciated the help of the residents, particularly from the Heaven family members, and is willing to accept any criticism if there is any as a result of the documentary.

"There was such a warmth and so much support within the Heaven family, and trust. They didn't know

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New docuseries 'puts the cap' on Harold Heaven story

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the story we're telling. They just knew facts about Harold and the campfire story we're investigating so just them opening their doors and giving us cookies was a really warm experience. It's really about Jackson and I, our journey as investigators. They were just helpful throughout [so] the blame could fall on us if anybody had a problem with the documentary, which I don't see [happening]," he said.

Minden, like a lot of small towns, they said, proved to be home to great storytellers, where local legends are strong. They called it the perfect setting for their unique documentary.

"I don't know if all small towns are the same, but [they have] ... their own ecosystem where they do things a certain way. Everybody knows everyone. Everyone talks to each other. It's fascinating. It's an amazing way to live. It's very Canadian. I'm thrilled. More people should be exposed to it, honestly," Rowe said.

Mildon said when they got excited the people around them shared in that excitement.

"I would not want to base the show anywhere else," he said.

Like any creative work, there was plenty of footage of jokes and information left out after the close to a year editing process, but Mildon and Rowe ruled out any spin-offs or continuations of this story.

"I think this put the cap on the Harold story unless someone comes out of the woodwork and tells us something that we didn't know before, but I don't know as far as what happens next. We're really just excited to release this series and see how the town of Minden and the world responds," Mildon said.

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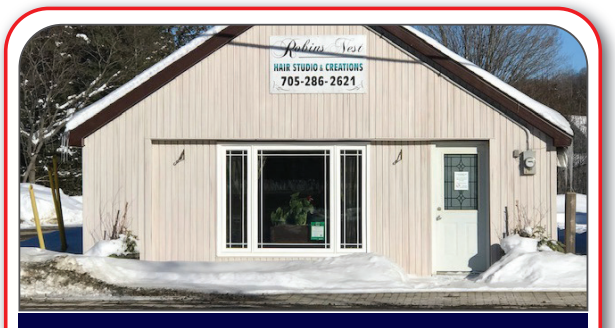

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Cultural centre reopens with quilt exhibit

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Special to *County Life*

PRESENTLY EXHIBITING at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden is Colour with a U Too. This is a touring, national exhibition from the Studio Art Quilt Associates. A nonprofit organization, SAQA's mission is to promote the art quilt: "a creative visual work that is layered and stitched or that references this form of stitched layered structure." Over the past 30 years, SAQA has grown into a dynamic and active community of nearly 4,000 artists, curators, collectors, and art professionals located around the world. Their vision is that the art quilt is universally respected as a fine art medium.

Two major parts are married with art quilts. Fine art, similar to a painting, drawing or printmaking, combined with quilting, which means stitching together layers of material. Fibre arts is another categorization that could be considered. Art quilts are a world unto themselves of creativity and skill that move beyond traditional quilts.

Traditional quilting has always been in my life, growing up in the St. Jacob's area of Ontario. Mennonite quilts are famous and the yearly fundraisers are a major event. My mother quilts and was a judge for years at county fairs. I recall once sitting beside an elderly Mennonite woman and watching her hand quilt the most minute, consistent stitches imaginable. A minimum of two weeks is needed to hand quilt a queen size quilt. Besides the quilting, there is the piecing and creating of each square which are sewn together to which a backing and fill are added.

Growing up on a farm, quilts were essential on cold winter nights. Made with wool, the weight of these quilts were considerable and comforting.

Art quilts are not something that will keep you warm at night but will warm your heart with their beauty and uniqueness. Generally a wall hanging, art quilts will implement a variety of stitch styles (hand-appliqued, machine pieced, machine quilted), materials (embellishment with hand embroidery, bead, wire, dyed cloth, cotton, silk, wool and acrylic yarns, wire, fusible webbing, cotton thread, monofilament – you name it) and methods. Thread painting is a term I had not been aware of until this exhibition. It is an ongoing, inspiring world of art-making.

A traditionalist, or a Luddite, may struggle with the 'quilting' aspect in art quilts. Most of the quilting is achieved with long arm quilting machines. Some are impressive operations, with computers. The consistent swirls and designs can be managed by free hand or computer programs. Sometimes, the debate regarding the use of tools and end product comes into play in this instance. Does it matter that the majority of the work is mechanically done versus handmade?

This debate also happens with today's photography. When cameras are automated and a print is done by pressing control 'p' on your keyboard to cause an expensive EPSON printer to slip out a slick photo, is it less or more a form of art?

Was Johannes Vermeer, famous Dutch painter, cheating when he used pinhole cameras to sketch his paintings to ensure accuracy?

The art world abounds with computer software that can create watercolour filters, giclee prints (that are hard to determine from the original) and mediums that are so advanced their application is super simple. There is no denying technology in art. It is another tool utilized however the artist wishes. It will continue to influence and everyone will determine where their lines stand and which others can be crossed.

Is it not more about the composition, the determination of colour and texture, the overall impression and process that makes us recognize the art? Make your own determination. Visit this exhibition at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery and view the nine art quilts and discuss the method.

Artists participating in this national exhibition are from British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec. Their goal is to reflect on the theme of diversity and inclusion and to give 'colourful' representations of our Canadian cultural identity. Each offers an individual perspective on how we as Canadians see ourselves in our social, historical and physical landscape.

The Agnes Jamieson Gallery is located at 176 Bobcaygeon Road in the town of Minden. Admission is by donation. Hours are Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. COVID-19 protocols are in place. For more information contact the gallery at 705-286-3763.

Top 10 things we learned from this pandemic

WHEN THIS pandemic is finally over, we will have learned a lot about how life can change in a very short period of time. We will walk away from it with lessons on how to handle adversity, how people react to restrictive measures and how society deals with all the norms being thrown by the wayside. But there will be smaller lessons too. Here are my top 10:

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

1. If you separate three ply toilet paper, a roll can last for six months.
2. If we all cut our own hair, it looks like a fashion trend.
3. You can tell how old someone is by how long they are on mute during a Zoom meeting.
4. Eventually you can even learn to hate the Happy Birthday song.
5. Some of us look better with a mask on.
6. Despite the name, track pants are not active wear.
7. When you are starved for entertainment, even *Tiger King* is good.
8. Pets really enjoy a good pandemic.
9. You'll have your fishing spot to yourself if you just cough when someone is approaching.
10. Six feet apart, a little hearing loss and masks are how rumours get started.

Here comes the sun/DARREN LUM Staff

HHSS student artist profile

Colleen Petric is a Grade 10 student at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School that has taken Visual Arts and Haliburton School of Art and Design summer art courses to refine her creative skills. In the future, she plans to pursue visual arts at a post-secondary level.

As a child, I preferred blank pieces of paper to draw on rather than colouring books; I liked, and still like, thinking outside of the box. I also enjoyed reading picture books – mainly seeking vivid illustrations – and creating bracelets using my Rainbow Loom. My main interests today include reading, playing the alto saxophone, and creating art.

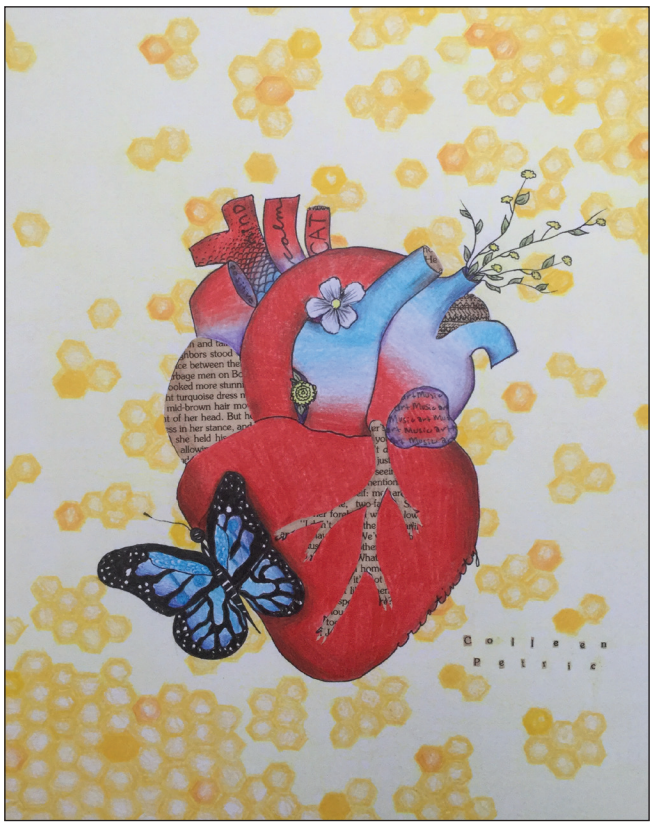
Watercolour and acrylic paint are the two main mediums that I work with. Working with acrylic paint allows me to build my paintings in layers. I like to use acrylic paint because it can create lots of texture like oils but without the long drying time. Working with watercolours allows me to create artwork using the brightness of the paper underneath. I outline or add texture to most of my watercolour pieces using archival ink pens.

I am usually given a purpose for creating art from someone else. However, when I create art for myself I prefer to begin without an intention; I plan very little. This does not narrow down the creative possibilities. I also like when viewers can make their own assumptions about the artwork and be creative themselves.

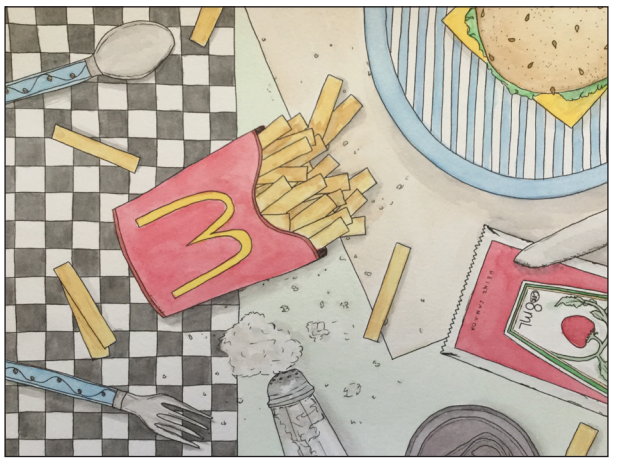
Art is an outlet for me to explore various ideas and mediums but also to appreciate beauty around me. I like to look at ordinary objects and experiences and capture them in a piece.

I have been heavily inspired by children's illustrators like Beatrix Potter, Ernest H. Shepard, Sir John Tenniel, Kate Greenaway, and Walter Crane. These illustrators use two of my most favourite elements of design – line and colour – very effectively and creatively. The lines are very definite and fluid, which are both things I would like to improve. I like the colours they use because they are very vibrant. I am fascinated by the detail in their illustrations.

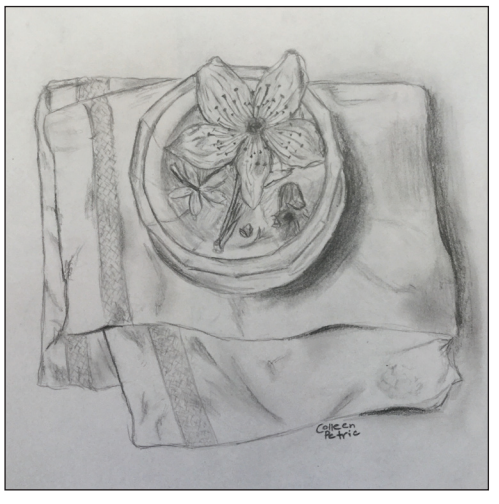
In the future, I hope to become an illustrator after attending post-secondary school for visual arts.



Hearten, Pencil Crayon, Archival Ink, and Book Pages on Paper, canvas size 3" x 10".



Superficial Self-Gratification, Watercolour and Archival Ink on Cold Pressed Paper, canvas size 9" x 12".



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Highlands hosting its own Journey to Easter

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Take a journey in the Highlands and celebrate Easter like you've never done before with the Haliburton County Stations of the Cross Tour.

From March 26 to Easter Sunday, April 4, the community is invited by the Church of Haliburton County to tour the area's nine participating churches and see the 14 stations shown through the creative work produced by nine amateur artists, starting at nine, who will show Jesus' journey to the cross.

There are nine participating locations: Lakeside Church, St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church, Haliburton United Church, The Lighthouse, Northland Faith Church, West Guilford Baptist Church , Eagle Lake Church, Lochlin United Church and Ingoldsby United Church, both in Minden.

Chairman of the Haliburton Ministerial Association, who represents the participating churches, Paul Graham said there are a few reasons why this event is exciting for the churches of Haliburton County.

"Even though we all come from different Christian traditions, we all serve the same God and put our hope in the same Jesus. The Stations of the Cross are a reminder of that diversity and unity we share. The "stations" method comes from a very Catholic or Anglican tradition that perhaps Baptists or Pentecostals wouldn't normally embrace, but we get to share in the richness of those traditions by doing this together. On the other hand, the way the stations are presented through art is different than the Anglicans might expect, so they see their traditions in a new light as well," he wrote in an email.

He adds this event is possible because of its support from church members, who created the art.

"These are personal expressions of their faith and reflections on what Jesus is teaching us through the Easter season. We were a bit limited by the pandemic and the outdoor installations, but we are learning what could be possible for next year," he wrote.

Highlands resident Heather Alloway has been the driving force behind this event and calls it a "journey to Easter."

This tour isn't just for Christians, Alloway added.

"Whether you're a Christian or whether you're not a Christian it involves big life questions and it provides place during Easter and Lent to just be reflective," she said. "With COVID-19, a lot of people cannot even darken their own churches let alone whatever. It allows people to walk by, social distanced, and drive by, you know, get the guide and have an Easter celebration despite our masking," she said.

The inspiration for this tour, Alloway said, came from how Toronto will be hosting the Stations of the Cross Crossings: A Journey of Easter Arts Exhibition event in 2022. Started in 2016, this event series has already been hosted around the world such as London, Washington, New York and Amsterdam.

From promotional material for the Highlands' event, it states: The hope moving forward, is that each new year, budding or established local, Christian artists could contribute art pieces to guide us along the Way of the Cross through this tour.

Graham said even though each station will have its own message, he wants people to finish the tour with an overall feeling of hope.

"If the pandemic has taught us anything over the last year it is that life can distract us from what is really important. It has taught us how close all of us are to illness, to loneliness, even to despair or hopelessness. We want people to physically visit and see that God has not left Haliburton without hope. He has provided a way for people to know Him, and to experience His mercy. His church is right here in this community, in many places, offering that good news."

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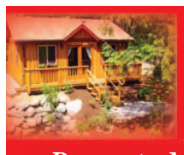

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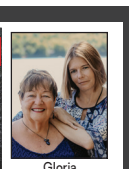

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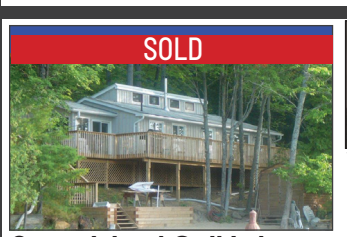

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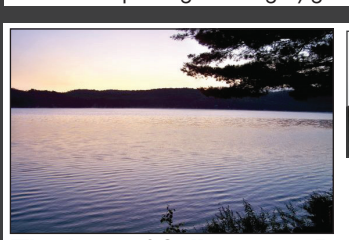

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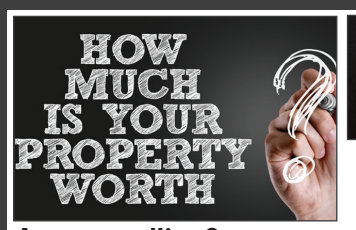

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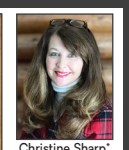

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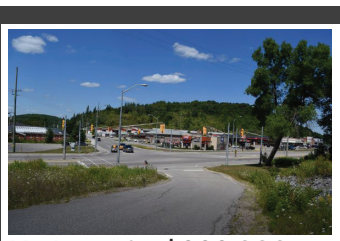

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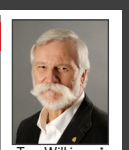

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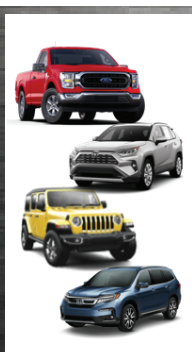

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County budget tops million mark

The Haliburton County budget has surpassed the million dollar mark. The budget of $1,061,880 was endorsed at the March 16 meeting of county council. Last year's budget at the county level was just shy of the million dollar mark at $981,600.

While the county councillors have agreed to spend over a million dollars in 1983, not all of that will be coming directly from the municipal taxpayer's pockets. A 20% portion of that amount, some $200,000 will be received through grants from the province, and revenue earned through fees charged for land division hearings, the rental for the land registry office, and several other sources of income. This means that the municipalities will have to provide $863,000 to support the county's activities.

The chairman of the management committee, Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey, who introduced the budget and explained the highlights from the document noted that one of the major increases this year was a $15,000 reserve fund which has been established to cover accumulated sick leave of county employees and to be used as working funds. Fearrey said the budget committee was concerned about the number of sick leave days being accumulated by the employees. He said that problems could arise if a number of long term employees, with many sick day credits, decided to retire. Under the provisions of the agreement with its employees, the county must reimburse employees for a certain number of unused sick days when they leave the employ of the county.

Under the program devised by the committee, $15,000 will be set aside during the next three years to bring the fund up to $45,000 by 1985. Fearrey suggested the $15,000 per year was not too sizeable an amount to set aside in this year of restraints.

Fearrey told the meeting the committee has recommended that the special fund be "protected" from being used for other purposes by enacting a by-law outlining its purpose. He noted this would leave the incoming county council, in December 1985, with a fund of $45,000 to cover any major requests made on the sick leave fund.

Chamber gets $60,000

With the controversial comments made by Anson, Hindon and Minden councillor Gary Kenney concerning the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce still fresh in their minds, the members of the council agreed to give the organization an additional $10,000 in funding in 1983. The Chamber's budget allotment has been raised from $50,000 to $60,000. As well, $500 has been set aside for the operation of the information booth in Cardiff Township.

Last year the Haliburton Economic Development Commission had received separate funding from the county. This year, the responsibilities of the organization have been reduced and its administration will be handled through the Chamber's budget.

Addressing the council seriously, Fearrey said the $60,000 allotment to the Chamber amounts to about one dollar per household in the county. Fearrey said he felt this amount would be judged to be reasonable, "even to those among us who have an insatiable thirst to be anti-Chamber."

The councillors were told that members of the committee had discussed the issue of the Chamber funding extensively during the committee meeting. Members include Anson, Hindon and Minden Reeve Lyle McKnight, Monmouth Reeve Keith Tallman and Warden Bill Howe, as well as chairman Murray Fearrey. The county's representative on the Chamber of Commerce, Stanhope Deputy Reeve Elgin Stouffer, was also included in the discussion.

Fearrey seemed upset with suggestions in the Kenney report that the county "lacked responsibility" in overseeing the funds it grants to the Chamber. He noted that the Chamber provides the county with two detailed reports on its activities each year and that monthly reports are offered by the council's representative, Elgin Stouffer.

Major categories

In presenting the budget for 1983, the figures were divided into seven major sections, each related to a particular area of service provided by the county.

The largest budget section was the roads budget. $555,000 has been allocated to roads this year, an increase of $75,000 over last year.

A large section of that budget has been earmarked as the county's portion of an upgrading of County Road number one, formerly Highway 519. Under an agreement with the Ministry of Transportation and Communications, the county will spend $50,000 with the provincial government contributing an additional $250,000 each year for the next five years. The province's participation was part of an agreement worked out when the county agreed with the province to exchange the Vankoughnet Road for Highway 519.

Fearrey noted that "a good deal of time" was spent on the details of the road budget. He noted that the roads provide a primary access to the county and the committee felt the expense was justified. He also pointed out that the additional construction activity will help the local economy.

An increase of $12,000 was allowed in the general government section of the budget. This section, which covers the administrative

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The final stage in the produiction of maple syrup is observed by Tim Casey and his son Pat. The syrup was prepared for market Sunday following a weekend of sap collection. The Casey farm was one of three visited by members of the Haliburton County Farmer's Association in a familiarization tour Saturday.
For more pictures, please turn to page 5.

Councils share info service

A proposal to share in a promotional effort with the township of Lutterworth was approved in principle at the March 10 meeting of Anson, Hindon and Minden township council. Before the vote was taken however, Deputy Reeve Ed Pergolas received a verbal slap on the wrist from the Reeve, Lyle McKnight.

The two townships have agreed to co-ordinate a joint promotional effort which will utilize land located on Highway 35 in Lutterworth Township. The site will be used for an information booth and sign board, pointing out sites of interest and activities taking place in the two municipalities.

The site is located on the west side of the highway near the Forest Echo Motel. Exact details as to how the information service will operate, when it will be staffed and how the costs will be shared have yet to be established.

The booth will be similar to ones being operated in Haliburton Village by the municipality of Dysart, and on Highway 121 by the municipality of Cardiff.

Reeve McKnight's comments to Deputy Reeve Ed Pegolas concerned an article which appeared in the March 9 edition of the Haliburton County Echo. In that article the deputy reeve was quoted as saying the council was committed to proceeding with the joint venture.

McKnight pointed out that the matter (at that point in the meeting) had not been voted on by the council. "I feel something like this should come to the council first before appearing in the press," McKnight said. "What if we decided today that we were not going to do it?" the reeve asked.

He pointed out that through the article, one member of the council had committed the entire council to a certain position. "Until we have a resolution, passed by this council, a member of council shouldn't commit this council to anything," McKnight stated.

Deputy Reeve Pergolas admitted that he had acted incorrectly in saying what the council would do prior to the council approving it.

A vote was then taken on the matter and the proposal was approved in principle.

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MINDEN LAKE
$665,000

Stunning year-round 2-bdrm home or cottage. 104 ft of frontage on Minden Lake. Fully renovated home now provides a calm and comforting cottage atmosphere. Bright open concept and pretty lake front views. Drink your morning coffee while enjoying the views across the lake of the white-water rapids from your large deck. Partially finished lower level

ARCHIE STREET
$439,000

Conveniently located in a quiet neighborhood. Bright and spacious 4 bdrm, 2 bath home with many recent improvements. Large kitchen and open concept dining and living area. Four-season sunroom that leads to a large deck. 20 x 28 garage. Large family room with a propane stone fireplace. A short 3 minute walk to all of Minden's attractions and amenities

VACANT LOTS

NEW LISTING
PERCY LAKE
0.59AC $359,000

LOUISE LANE
35+AC $275,000

KASHAGAWIGAMOG LAKE ROAD $139,500 SOLD

BASSHAUNT LAKE ROAD 1.88AC $126,900 SOLD

NEW LISTING
HIGHWAY 35
0.59AC $79,900

NEW LISTING
HIGHWAY 35
0.83AC $79,900

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Contact our team today!

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